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HONGKONG, WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 27, 1899.

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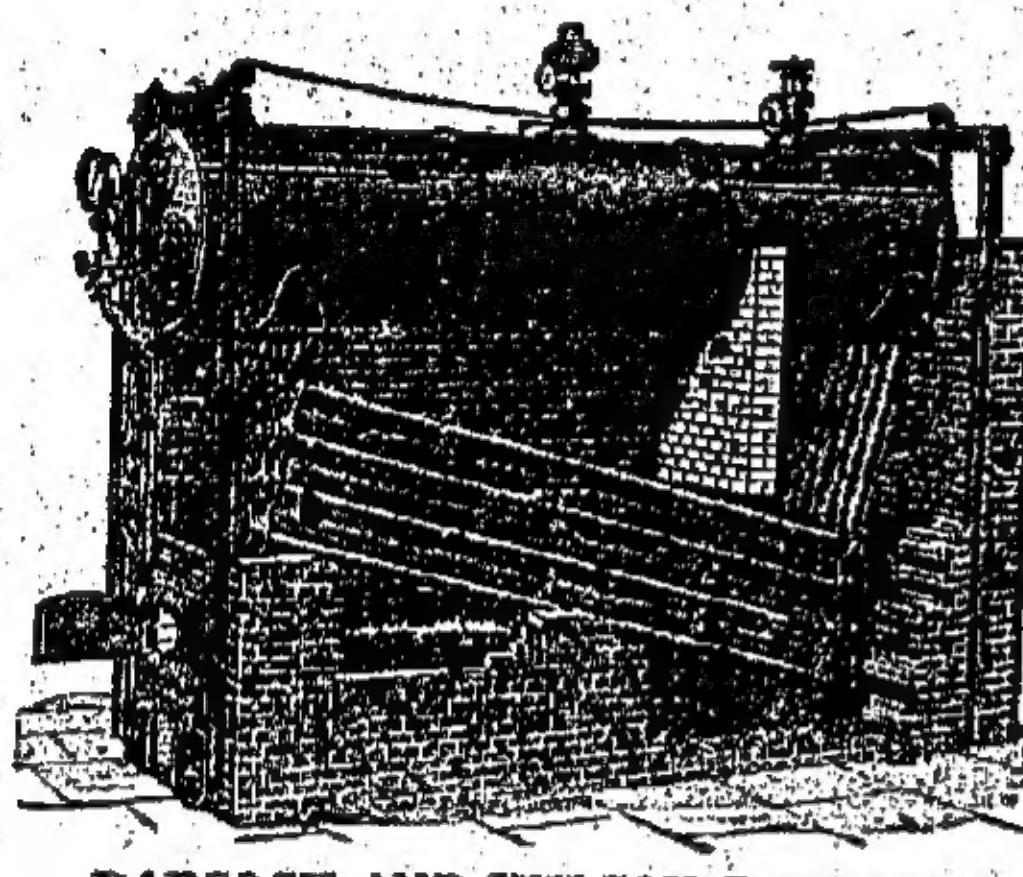
Business Notices.

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Supervision, Survey, Reports, Estimates, and Plans of all Classes of
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Lager Beer.

FOR SALE BY
W. G. HUMPHREYS & CO.,
Side Agents.
Hongkong, Oct. 10, 1899. 2248

GERMAN CHURCH AND SCHOOL
SOCIETY.

THE SCHOOL of the Society will be
OPENED on MONDAY, the 8th
January, 1899, at the Hall of the Union
Church, and will be under the personal
superintendence of Pastor and Mrs.
KIRK.

As the number of Pupils to be admitted
is limited, there are only a few vacancies
and Parents desirous that their Children
should join are requested to apply to the
undersigned for all particulars.

PAUL BREWITT,
Hon. Secretary,
Zetland Street, No. 2
Hongkong, December 15, 1899. 2710

HAVING THIS DAY ESTABLISHED
OURSELVES AS DRAPERS,

WE are prepared to take Charge of Sale
of PIECE GOODS of any Description
at a very Moderate Commission
and shall be glad to execute Orders for
Goods suitable for this Market upon receipt
of Samples, &c.

SINCERI & CO.,
No. 172, Queen's Road Central,
and 123, Wellington Street.
Hongkong, December 18, 1899. 2723

THE HONGKONG HIGH-LEVEL
TRAMWAYS COMPANY, LIMITED.

NOTICE is hereby given that the
IN FIFTEENTH ORDINARY GEN-
ERAL MEETING of the SHARE-
HOLDERS of the above Company will be
held at the Registered Office of the Com-
pany 38 and 40, Queen's Road Central, on
THURSDAY, the 28th day of December,
1899, at Noon, for the purpose of receiving
the Report of the General Managers
together with the Statement of Accounts for
the year ending 30th November, 1899.

The TRANSFER BOOKS of the Com-
pany will be CLOSED from the 16th to
28th Instant, both days inclusive.

JOHN D. HUMPHREYS & SON,
General Managers.

Hongkong, December 13, 1899. 2687

NEW YEAR HOLIDAY.

THE Undermentioned INSURANCE
OFFICES will be CLOSED for the
Transaction of Public Business on MON-
DAY, the 1st January, 1900.

Hongkong, 26th December, 1899.

JARDINE, MATHEWS & CO.,
General Agents,
Canton Insurance Office, Ltd.
General Managers,
Hongkong Fire Insurance Co., Ltd.

DOUGLAS JONES,
Secretary,
Union Insurance Society of Canton, Ltd.

W. H. PERCIVAL,
Agent,
North-China Insurance Co., Ltd.

A. S. GARFITT,
Acting Secretary,
China Traders' Insurance Co., Ltd.

SHEWAN, TOMES & CO.,
Agents,
Yangtze Insurance Association, Ltd.

GEO. L. TOMLIN,
Secretary,
China Fire Insurance Co., Ltd.

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BY Single GENTLEMAN, ONE OR TWO
ROOMS, FURNISHED, OR WITH BOARD,
Car or Robinson Road Levels preferred.
Replies with full particulars to 'Rooms,
Care of 'China Mail' Office,
Hongkong, December 26, 1899. 2720

CHRISTMAS AND NEW YEAR SEASON!

LANE, CRAWFORD & CO.

WILL SELL

ROUSSILLON CHAMPAGNE

TILL 10th JANUARY NEXT, at \$25.00 per Doz. Quarts, and \$13.50 per Doz. Pints,
TO CLOSE CONSIGNMENTS.

This WINE is of first-rate quality and has been approved by Connoisseurs all
over the World. 2705

MUSICAL INSTRUMENTS
MAKE USEFUL
CHRISTMAS PRESENTS.

Violins Guitars Cornets
Cellos Banjos Trombones
Mandolins Guitars Euphoniums
Mandolas Zithers Clarinets, &c.

LANE, CRAWFORD & CO.

ASK FOR FERGUSON'S
P. & O.

SPECIAL LIQUEUR, 10 YEARS OLD
HIGHLAND WHISKY.

FERGUSON'S
SPECIAL CREAM
BREADALBANE HIGHLAND WHISKY.

These are the finest productions of Scotland;
devoid absolutely of all deleterious matter.

THE CREME DE LA CREAM OF
WHISKIES,
PURE AND MILD.

Sole Importers, F. BLACKHEAD & CO.

'The Absent-Minded Beggar.'

GRAND NEW PATRIOTIC POEM BY RUDYARD KIPLING

Music by Sir ARTHUR SULLIVAN.
HAS CREATED A FUROR UNEXAMPLED, AMAZING, IMMENSE.
ORDER AT ONCE FOR YOUR CREDITS SAKE, AND PAY PAY PAY!
PROCEEDS GIVEN TO PATRIOTIC FUND.

ROBINSON PIANO CO.,
HONGKONG, SHANGHAI, SINGAPORE.

BANK HOLIDAY.

IN accordance with the provisions of
Ordinance No. 6 of 1875, the Under-
mentioned BANKS will be CLOSED for
the Transaction of Public Business on
MONDAY, the 1st January 1900.

For the Chartered Bank of India, Aus-
tralia and China,
T. H. WHITHEAD,
Manager, Hongkong.

For the Hongkong and Shanghai Bank-
ing Corporation,
T. JACKSON,
Chief Manager.

For the National Bank of China, Limited,
GEO. W. F. PLAYFAIR,
Chief Manager.

For the Mercantile Bank of India
Limited,
JOHN THURBURN,
Manager, Hongkong.

For the Banque de l'Indo-Chine, Hong-
kong Agency,
L. BERINDOAGUE,
Asst. Manager.

For the Bank of China, Ltd.,
Hongkong,
CHANTREY INGBOLD,
Manager.

For the Yokohama Specie Bank, Ltd.,
S. CHOU,
Agent.

For the Imperial Bank of China, Ltd.,
E. V. RUTTER,
Acting Manager, Hongkong.

For the Bank of China, Ltd.,
Hongkong, December 26, 1899. 2701

DRAFFERY BUSINESS
FOR SALE.

O WING is the illness of the Proprietor,
who is absent in England, his Alter-
native now offered FOR SALE is a going
concern with immediate possession, the
extensive business carried on in Hong-
kong, by the Firm of W. POWELL & CO.,
Drapers, Tailors, &c.

The Premises are situated in the very best
part of the City, are held on lease, and
fitted with the best requirements for carrying
on a large and varied business.

The Stock is in excellent condition and
up to date, being replenished regularly by
consignments personally selected by the
Firm's London Agents. The Trade is large
and well established, and the connection
extensive. Purchasers could take over the
Stock, Fixtures, and Book Debt at a
valuation.

For further particulars apply to
J. POWELL,
Care of W. POWELL & CO.,
Hongkong.

Hongkong, December 6, 1899. 2623

FUJIYAMA & CO.

DEALERS in all Kinds of JAPANESE
CURIOS, and THINGS JAPANESE.

At MODERATE PRICES.

No. 9, D'Aguilar Street.

Head Office, No. 52, Sanbonyacho, 1
Choma, Kobe, Japan.
Hongkong, January 1, 1899. 2702

BUSINESS NOTICES.

BELL'S ASBESTOS EASTERN AGENCY, Ltd.

HONGKONG HOTEL—PRAYA



BELL'S ASBESTOS PACKINGS

ARE THE BEST.

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BELL'S ENGINE OIL

IS THE BEST AND CHEAPEST IN THE MARKET.

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MANAGERS.

LANE, CRAWFORD & CO.

NEW-YEAR GOODS

Filberts, Brazils, Almonds, Barcelonas.

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CADBURY'S SELECTED CHOCOLATES
ENGLISH and FRENCH CONFECTIONERY.

HUNTLEY AND PALMERS

XMAS AND CAMBRIDGE CAKES.

CROSSE AND BLACKWELL'S

XMAS PUDDINGS !!!

TOM SMITH'S CRACKERS in Great Variety

Gorgonzola, Stilton, and Requefort Cheese.

SELECTED HAMS.

And other Delicacies too numerous to mention.

TOYS TOYS TOYS

YOUTH'S CYCLES, ROCKING HORSES, MAGIC LANTERNS, ELECTRIC

TOYS, CINEMATOGRAPHS, CLOCKWORK AND MECHANICAL TOYS.

DOLLS. DOLLS. DOLLS.

NEW YEAR PRESENTS.

THE PHARMACY,

10, Queen's Road Central (Formerly occupied by
Ley Hennan).

THIS Business has been under entirely New Management since August 1st. All
Prescriptions dispensed by a qualified Chemist. Special attention paid to French
and all other Foreign formulae.

ENGLISH AND FOREIGN PATENT MEDICINE.

Homoeopathic Medicines, Medicines Chests Refitted.

Wines and Spirits. Manila Cigars (Direct from Makers).

Manager, RICHARD FLINT.

1882 **WILKINSON, HEYWOOD & CLARK, LTD.,**

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LONDON—LIVERPOOL—PARIS,

AND PRAYA CENTRAL, HONGKONG.

MAKERS OF PAINTS, VARNISHES AND COLORS

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PAINTS

OF ALL COLOURS,

WHITE LEAD,

WHITE ZINC,

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COPAL VARNISH

AND

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It is impossible to procure in Hongkong A WHITE ZINC PAINT
which is superior to.

BELL BRAND.

SPECIAL GENUINE GROUND WHITE ZINC.

(All Kgs Bear a Green St. Andrew's Cross.)

Entertainments.

By kind permission of the distinguished Authorities.

S. T. ANDREW'S HALL,
CITY HALL BUILDING,
THURSDAY & SATURDAY,
December 26th & 30th,
Commencing at 8 p.m.XYLOPHONE & KINEMATOGRAPH
ENTERTAINMENT.ADMISSION: 52 and 81.
Soldiers and Sailors in Uniform Half-
Price to Second Seats.
Hongkong, December 26, 1899. 2701

AN EVENING CONCERT

Will be given
on FRIDAY, December 29,
in the
BUNGALOW, KOWLOON,
(kindly lent for the occasion by the Hon.
C. F. CURRIER, C.M.G.)THE "MISSUS AND KIDS" FUND.
Under the Patronage of Colonel RETALLACK
and Officers of the Hongkong Regiment
and the leading Kowloon Residents.By kind permission of Lieut. Col.
Retallack and the Officers, H.K.R.A., the
excellent Band of the Regiment will play

selections.

Tickets 51 each. Concert to commence
at 9 p.m.Tickets may be obtained from the Mem-
bers of the following Committee—Rev. C.
Bene, and R. F. Johnson, Captain Brown,
Meers, Aitken, Cumpton, Duncan, Farn,
Jack, Longworth, Main, Mackenzie, Mu-
kota, Reid, Ritchie, Sayer, Skerthorpe,
Smart, Stockwood, Dr. Swan, and Mr.
Wicks.C. McD. SMART, Hon. Secy.
Hongkong, Dec. 26, 1899. 2782

Auctions.

PUBLIC AUCTION

THE Understrader has received instruc-
tions to sell by PUBLIC AUCTION, on
FRIDAY,the 29th December, 1899, at 2.45 p.m., at
No. 9, QUEEN'S GARDEN, PEAK ROAD,

(The Residence of G. C. COX, Esq.)

THE WHOLE OF HIS

VALUABLE HOUSEHOLD

FURNITURE & CO.

Comprising:

SILK TAPESTRY AND PLUSH COVERED

DRAWING ROOM SUITE, TEA OVERMAN-

TEA, CHINERON, JAPANESE CANTON,

BLACKWOOD, TABLES AND STOOLS,

CHAIRS, RUGS, AND LACE CURTAINS, &c.

TEA, SILK, CHINERON, WITH MIRROR, DINNER

WAGGONS, DINING TABLE AND CHAIRS, OIL

FIRE, FINE ENGRAVINGS, ORNAMENTS,

GLASS, CROCKERYWARE, CUTLERY, GAS

FIRE-PLACES, &c. &c.

Double and Single Bunks Mounted BED-

STEAM, TEAK WARDROBE WITH MIRROR,

DUCHESS, TOILET TABLE, MARBLE-TOP

WASHSTAND, TOILET SETS, CHEST OF

DRAWERS, CHAIRS, TABLES, FENDERS AND

COAL-SCUTTLES, &c., &c.

1 COOKING RANGE AND UTENSILS.

1 TENNIS NET AND POLES, 1 LOT WIRE

NETTING.

Also,

1 COTTAGE: PIANO by RICHARD (in good

condition).

On view from Thursday, the 28th Dec.

Terms: As Customer.

Catalogues will be issued.

GEO. P. LAMMERT.

Auctioneer.

Hongkong, Dec. 22, 1899. 2762

THEATRE ROYAL.

CITY HALL.

GRAND BOXING CONTEST.

will be given on

WEDNESDAY, the 3rd January, 1900,

at 8 p.m. Sharp.

With the kind approval of the Chairman
of the Fund, this Grand Contest will be for
the Benefit of the Widows and Orphans of
the Troops in the War Fund.

The String Band will be in attendance.

This Grand Contest will be between the

Royal Navy and the British Army.

Stage Seats \$3.00
Dress Circle \$2.00
Sailors and Soldiers in Uniform—Seals
and Pit, \$1.00.

Booking Office, Robinson Piano Co.

E. HORWITZ.

Hongkong, Dec. 23, 1899. 2733

THEATRE ROYAL,

CITY HALL.

A

GRAND ENTERTAINMENT

will be given on

SATURDAY, the 6th January, 1900,

in the

THEATRE ROYAL,

at 8 p.m.

In Aid of the

SOUTH AFRICAN FUND,

Under the Patronage of

H. E. Sir HENRY and Lady GASCOGNE,

Colonel-General and Mrs. POWELL,

and all the

Leading Circles.

THE BOOKING OFFICE at CITY HALL

will be OPEN on WEDNESDAY,

the 27th December, at 10 a.m.

Admission \$3.00 over the House.

THE ENTERTAINMENT

will be repeated on

WEDNESDAY, 10th January.

Admission \$2. to Dress Circle. \$1 to

Pit. Soldiers, Sailors, Police and Volun-

teers in Uniform, Half-price.

Hongkong, December 22, 1899. 2762

GOVERNMENT NOTIFICATION.

No. 603.

The following Notice is published.

J. H. STEWART LOCKHART,

Colonial Secretary.

COLONIAL SECRETARY'S OFFICE,

Hongkong, 6th December, 1899.

NOTICE

On and after the 1st day of January,

1900, the postage on Parcels posted in the

Colony to the United Kingdom will be as

follows:

For a parcel not exceeding 3 lbs.

in weight 50 cents.

For a parcel over 3 lbs. but not

exceeding 5 lbs. in weight \$1.00.

For a parcel over 7 lbs. but not

exceeding 11 lbs. in weight \$1.50.

W. C. H. HASTINGS,

Postmaster General.

General Post Office,

Hongkong, 6th December, 1899. 2763

HONGKONG HIGH-LEVEL TRAM-

WAYS COMPANY, LIMITED.

TIME TABLE.

WEEK DAYS.

7.30 a.m. to 8.30 a.m. Every quarter of

an hour.

8.30 a.m. to 9.30 a.m. Every ten minutes.

9.30 a.m. to 10.45 a.m. Every quarter of

an hour.

11.30 a.m. to 3.00 p.m. Every quarter of

an hour.

3.30 p.m. to 6.30 p.m. Every quarter of

an hour.

6.30 p.m. to 8.00 p.m. Every 4 minutes.

Night cars at 8.45 p.m. and 10 p.m. and from

9.45 p.m. to 11.15 p.m. Every half hour.

SUNDAYS.

Extra cars at 11.30 and 11.45 p.m.

Goods not cleared by the 1st Province,

will be subject to rent.

All ship-damaged packages must be left

in the Godown, where they will be examin-

ed on SATURDAY, the 29th December, and on

SUNDAY, the 30th December.

All claims must be made before

10 a.m. upon notice of loss. Damage being

done in beforehand, will not be re-

cognized.

No late claims will be accepted.

SPECIAL CARS by arrangement with the

Company's Office, 98 and 100 Queen's Road

Central.

JOHN D. HUMPHREYS & SON

General Managers.

Hongkong, Dec. 1, 1899. 1061

Auctions.

Vessels Advertised as Loading.

Destination.	Fleet.	Arrived.	Date of Leaving.
Australian Ports	Aiglo (s)	Gibb, Livingston & Co.	Jan. 6, at noon.
Australian Ports	Fukien Maru (s)	Nippon Yusen Kaisha	Dec. 29, at 4 p.m.
Java and Singapore	Taiyuan (s)	Butterfield & Swire	Jan. 15, at noon.
Austria (s)	Sarawak (s)	Carlowitz & Co.	About Dec. 12.
Germany and Hamburg	Wittenberg (s)	Carlowitz & Co.	About Jan. 22.
Holland (s)	Holanda (s)	Carlowitz & Co.	About Feb. 10.
London & Ports of Call	Paramaribo (s)	P. & O. B. S. Co.	Jan. 6, at noon.
London & Ports of Call	Dionied (s)	Butterfield & Swire	January 10.
London & Ports of Call	Antwerp (s)	P. & O. S. N. Co.	Dec. 28, at 4 p.m.
London & Ports of Call	Suez Canal	M. & J. S. Co.	Jan. 15, at noon.
London & Ports of Call	Socorro (s)	M. & J. S. Co.	Dec. 28, at 4 p.m.
Manila	Taiyuan (s)	Butterfield & Swire	Jan. 16, at noon.
Marseilles & S. Africa	Oceanus (s)	Messages Maritimes	Jan. 1, at noon.
Marseilles, London, &c.	Awara Maru (s)	Caroline & Co.	About Jan. 31.
Marseilles, London, &c.	Indonesia Maru (s)	Dec. 29, at 4 p.m.	
Middle East	London Parma (s)	Good for Massa	not cleared after 4 p.m. subject to rent.
Middle East	Miles (s)	Local Banks	Local Banks
Middle East	Indra (s)	Insurance Office close.	Insurance Office close.
New York, St. Louis, &c.	Dodwell & Co., Ltd.	Good for Massa	not cleared after 4 p.m. subject to rent.
New York, St. Louis, &c.	Shaw, Saville & Co.	Good for Massa	not cleared after 4 p.m. subject to rent.
New York, St. Louis, &c.	Ward, & Co.	Good for Massa	not cleared after 4 p.m. subject to rent.
Portland, Oregon	Asama (s)	Good for Massa	not cleared after 4 p.m. subject to rent.
Samoa and Southern Islands	Alborego (s)	Good for Massa	not cleared after 4 p.m. subject to rent.
Samoa and Southern Islands	Kaneo (s)	Good for Massa	not cleared after 4 p.m. subject to rent.
Samoa and Southern Islands	Stratko (s)	Good for Massa	not cleared after 4 p.m. subject to rent.
Samoa and Southern Islands	Yaku (s)	Good for Massa	not cleared after 4 p.m. subject to rent.
Samoa and Southern Islands	Yukio (s)	Good for Massa	not cleared after 4 p.m. subject to rent.
Samoa and Southern Islands	Yukio (s)</td		

A First-Class Chiropractist.

Mr. M. Schlesser, the Surgeon Chiropractor, who paid a prolonged visit to this Colony early this year, has returned from the North, and may be consulted at 3 Duddell Street, Room No. 11, from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.

The French in South China.

A Peking telegram states that the mines for which France has demanded a working concession from the Chinese Government are situated near Kwangshau and Luchow, while the railways are to be constructed from the mines to the sea-coast of Kwangshau, which is not far from Canton. It is also stated that France has demanded from China the right to use the Chinese Dockyard and Engine Works at Foochow. This is an addition to the demands already lodged with the Chinese Government. A Japanese paper thinks that China will not be able to grant the use of the dockyard at Foochow owing to an article in her treaty with Japan, which states that under no circumstances shall China grant to any foreign Power any concession in which Foochow resides.

Turbine-Driven Torpedo-Boat.

A London telegram, dated November 22, says:—The preliminary trial of the turbine torpedo-boat *Viper* took place to-day and was successful. She developed a speed of 32 knots. The official trials will follow in a few days. The *Viper* is a naval experiment, and an hour's success or failure the ultimate fate of the turbine engine to a certain extent depends. The *Viper* was launched at Newcastle-on-Tyne on September 6th and was expected to develop a speed of 35 knots an hour. She has four sets of turbine engines, which drive two propellers. It is stated that these engines are capable of developing 10,000 to 12,000 horse-power. It is worthy of note that several torpedo boats built in Germany have reached a speed of 35 knots. The British Admiralty regard the *Viper* as an important experiment, and it has been so successful that more important developments may be expected in the use of turbine engines on war ships.

P. and O. Pocket Book.

Passengers by P. and O. steamers will find the 'Pocket Book' issued by that Company a very useful handbook of information. The pocket book was first issued in 1888, to the extent of ten thousand copies, but it has long been out of print. The present issue embodies the cream of the old issue, and some interesting articles by men of prominence. Sir Thomas Sutherland gives a brief history of the P. and O. Company, with which he has been long and honorably associated. There is an article in French on 'Le Canal de Suez,' by Le Comte Charles du Lescop. Egypt is described by Stanley Lane-Poole. Sir Edwin Arnold gives 'Notes for a Tour through India.' The other descriptive articles are 'China,' by Sir Thomas Wade; 'Japan,' by Henry W. Lucy; and 'Australia,' by Hume Nisbet. There are beautiful photographic illustrations of a number of the ports of call on the routes of the Company's steamers. There is a large collection of useful tables, and the illustrations of flags and maps are very well executed. The descriptions of the ports en route are brought up to date.

'Gup' from Tientsin.

An occasional correspondent writes:—The river has not frozen yet (Dec. 16), though it ought to have done so nearly a week ago. Although not frozen, it is closed to all intents and purposes. One 'old hand' says that the old 'Tientsin winter' is a thing of the past, and if so means the old times when the Settlement was practically cut off from the world for several months every year, and the foreign residents relieved from business routine, made their social life one continuous round of enjoyable gatherings, than I agree with him. There is a little ice on the points, but the old and more partly of our residents have not yet visited their houses, and the ponds are therefore left to the youthful population. A guard of Marines has arrived, and taken up its winter quarters. We hear of a good deal of inquietude among the Chinese in Peking. Two German men were mobbed there the other day while endeavouring to take some photographs. The latest political rumour from Peking is that a Russo-Japanese war is imminent. Just how much truth there is in the rumour I am unable to say, but I hear that the Japanese steamers here are refusing to make any engagements more than a month ahead. Another rumour general in Peking is that the boiler which arrived there for the electrical department of the Hongkong and Shanghai Bank (now lighted by electricity) was brought to boil the eyes of Chinese children to make soap for the missionaries. The rebels at Shantung have been beaten, and there are numerous executions going on in Peking. Emigration has started. 1200 rebels were brought up the other day, and 70 of these were executed, mainly strangled or hung alive.

THE MODERN MOTHER.

IT is found that her little caps are improved more by the pleasant Syrup of Figs, when in need of the laxative effect of which, than by any of the other Children's syrups. Manufactured from the true soft, ripe, juicy Figs, and fattened by the Chinese Figs, which are only sold by Messrs. A. S. Watson & Co., wholesale or retail.

Museum.

There were 190 European and 1,730 Chinese visitors to the Old Hall Museum, during the week ending 24th Dec.

Chinese Official Changes.

The *China Mail* has received a special telegram stating that H. E. Lau Kam, Viceroy of Nanking, is recalled to Peking for an audience, and Lu Chun-ju, Governor of the same place, is to act as Viceroy pro tem. H. E. Lau was only lately transferred from Canton.

Land Sale.

A Lot of Crown Land at Mong-Kia-Tsu was sold this afternoon by public auction. The lot contains 3,118 square foot, in registered as Kowloon Land Lot 499; it was put up at \$1800 and sold for \$3,600. The Crown Rent is \$44 per annum.

Olivers Mines.

We are informed by Messrs John D. Humphreys and Son, General Managers of Oliver's Fecold Mines Limited, that they have received a telegram from the Mines, giving the result of this month's crushing as follows:—463 tons of quartz crushed for a yield of 304 ounces reported gold mill run 20 days.

Fire at Wan-chai.

At 8.45 p.m. yesterday, the Fire Brigade was summoned to a fire which had broken out on the second floor of an unoccupied house at No. 1 Ship Street. The Brigade confined the fire to the premises where it originated, damage to the extent of about \$300 being done.

Volunteers from Shanghai.

Shanghai has at last been caught by the war fever, and we hear that nearly 200 people are going to offer their services to Whitehill. The offer has the merit of having made a critical juncture, and on this score it is to be hoped that the British military authorities will not return the same answer as that sent to Hongkong, where the people offered to serve in South Africa at a time when it was thought that the British forces, on account of their numerical strength, would have a simple 'walk-over.' We have no reason to think that the Hongkong folk are less courageous than the Shanghai men, and perhaps the local movement will have the effect of making the Hongkongites repeat their offer, in case such a China contingent may blow up into the *China* Regiment, not of Whitehill, however, which home folk please note.

Quelling a Plague Epidemic.

On the authority of Dr. Kitamoto, the Yedo Governor states that the dykes now under construction along the Koto River, which appear almost to have spanned all the areas of the city, is to thoroughly cleanse the river and thus isolate them. The improvement of the drains and keeping houses clean, just as in the cities of Europe, are also recommended. The simplest way of catching rats, according to Dr. Kitamoto, is to spread bird-lime on a sheet of paper, putting in the centre something of which rats are very fond. It is an extremely difficult matter to distribute houses where they have occurred to an extent throughout the city. For instance, the houses of Hime-Masukichi, who recently died from the plague, was disinfected three times, and yet the children were affected three weeks after the disinfection had taken place. Such houses Dr. Kitamoto urges should be pulled down and the debris burnt. *China Chronicle*.

PRINCE HENRY'S VISIT TO SIAM.

The *Bangkok Times* of the 16th inst. says:—

The Siriraj Mabham (Captain de Richelieu) the Makut Ropraha (Lieut.-Commander Ring) and the Muththa (Lieut.-Commander Soedjiman) left to-day for the mouth of the river to receive H. R. H. Prince Heinrich of Prussia. By the Surin the Phraya Sibhami Decio (A. D. C. to His Majesty), Luang Padiyat, Chao Mon Chong Phakdi (Dee-Kwa), Phraya Phiphat Kosa, and Phra Samadhi (Governor of Pakuan), who are to welcome His Royal Highness to Siam on behalf of His Majesty. To-morrow morning on the arrival of the *Deutschland* the Prince and his suite will go on board the *Siriraj*, which will then come up the river attended by the other Royal Navy vessels. As the tide serves it is expected that he will be in Bangkok in the forenoon. The night will be spent opposite Siam, the Government of Phra Rama, the port of the Royal Palace, and his suite will be in waiting with a state barge to convey the royal visitor and his suite to the Palace landing. There His Majesty himself will receive his guest, and there will be a large gathering of Princes, Ministers and officials. The King and Prince Heinrich will then drive to the Royal Palace attended by a cavalry escort, and the Prince will be welcomed by the Queen, after which they will proceed to the Samrom Palace, which is to be the Prince's residence during his stay here. In the evening His Royal Highness and suite will be entertained to dinner by the King.

On Monday evening Prince Heinrich will again be the guest of His Majesty at dinner while the numbers of his suite and the diplomatic and consular body will be entertained to dinner by H. R. H. Prince Heinrich. The dinner will be given at the Royal Palace, and the Prince will be a dinner at the German Minister's on Tuesday evening, an entertainment by the Navy Department with a dance on the *Malib* (Yacht) on Wednesday evening, a garden party at the German Minister's on Thursday afternoon, with a Christmas tree and entertainment at the German Club in the evening.

On Friday afternoon Prince Heinrich leaves for Bang-pa-in Palace, where he will again be entertained by His Majesty. On Saturday he goes over the railway to Siamhuk and Muek, returning to Bang-pa-in in the evening, when His Majesty gives an entertainment that will be attended by a large party from Bangkok. Next day, the 24th, Prince Heinrich returns to Bangkok, and goes on to the mouth of the Chao Phraya to spend Christmas on board the *Deutschland*. On the 26th he goes to Arthur's residence, and on the 27th to the guest of H. R. H. Prince Heinrich to dinner, and leaves on the morning of the 29th.

The invitations for this evening entertainment at the Royal Navy Department were issued yesterday.

TELEGRAMS.

REUTERS' SERVICE.

LONDON, December 24.

MR. LEYD'S IN PARIS.

Mr. Leyd is in Paris and it is reported that he is seeking an interview with M. Delcassé. The motive of the interview is not explained.

THE WAR.—THE SITUATION AT MODDER RIVER.

Reuters' Correspondent at Modder River position, 18th instant, states that the Boer entrenchments extend for twenty miles along the railway line, and that they are still digging strong works. The British Camp is in a splendid position on a plain, the nearest hill being two miles distant.

LONDON, December 25, 1899.

THE WAR.

An official despatch from Leydsmit, dated 23rd inst., states that five deaths had occurred from disease.

Kutzenay is still held by a small force of police, in spite of renewed exertions of the Boers.

The Free-Staters are credited with the intention of transferring the seat of Government to Winburg, Bloemfontein being undefended and indefensible.

The British Camp at Chieveley has moved a few miles further south to obtain a better water supply, and also to escape shelling by Boer guns from the hills on the left.

Sharp fighting was heard on the 18th inst. in the direction of Leydsmit.

A letter from the *Standard* correspondent at Leydsmit insists emphatically on the inter-interiority of the British field artillery, which never goes within range of the French and German guns.

CORRESPONDENCE.

THE SANITARY BOARD AS IT NOW IS.

To the Editor of the 'China Mail.'

December 27, 1899.

DEAR SIR.—Brownie, and you, 'Chuk' Contributor have pretty well gauged the public feeling with regard to the Local Sanitary problem, but the crux of the matter is, that the Hongkong folk are less courageous than the Shanghai men, and perhaps the local movement will have the effect of making the Hongkongites repeat their offer, in case such a China contingent may blow up into the *China* Regiment, not of Whitehill, however, which home folk please note.

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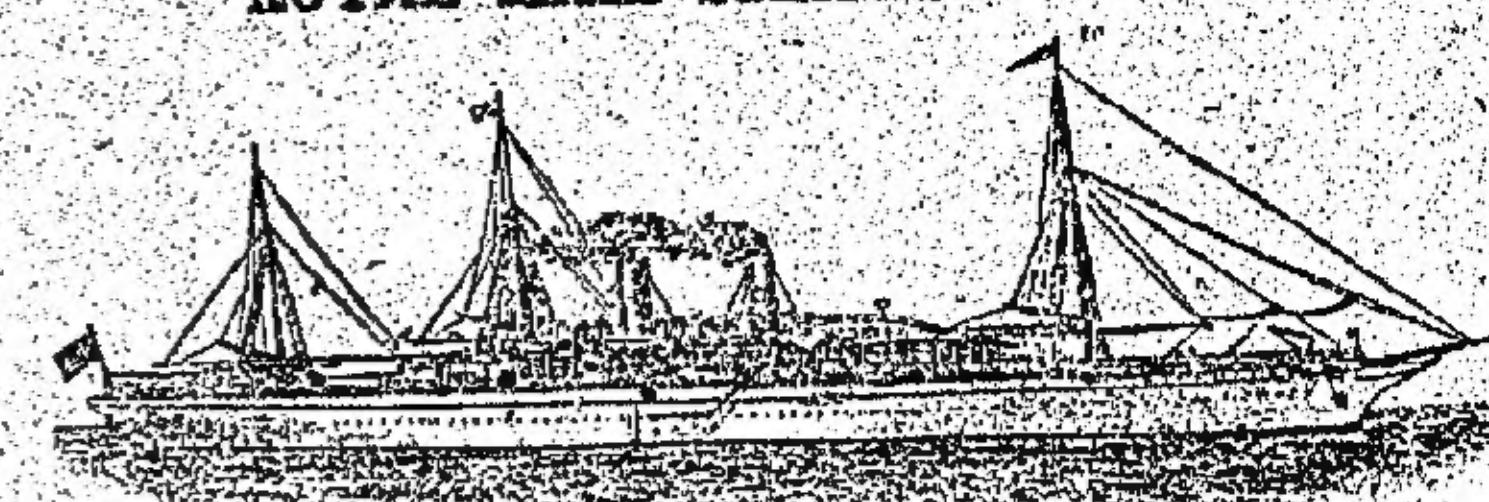
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